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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below, copies of which are also enclosed.

The cited references constitute the art of record from parent application no. 09/312,073. In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609, copies of the cited art have not been provided.

Applicants also wish to point out that one of the references cited during prosecution of the parent application, U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/041,890, now has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,312,115. Consequently, the U.S. patent, rather than the application, has been cited herewith.

The Examiner is requested to review the cited items when making a determination of the patentability of the subject application.

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Applicants have made a diligent effort to place this application in condition for allowance and submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason, however, the Examiner should deem that this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below to resolve any outstanding issues prior to issuing a further Office Action.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence Rosenthal', is written over a horizontal line.

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